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To amend title 38, United States Code, to reimburse veterans for the cost of emergency medical transportation to a Federal facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. STEUBE, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Emergency Trans-
5 portation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
2 **TRANSPORTATION TO A FEDERAL FACILITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1725 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the heading, by striking “**EMERGENCY**
6 **TREATMENT**” and inserting “**EMERGENCY SERV-**
7 **ICES**”;

8 (2) by striking “the emergency treatment” each
9 place it appears and inserting “such emergency serv-
10 ices”;

11 (3) by striking “such treatment” each place it
12 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

13 (4) by striking “that treatment” each place it
14 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

15 (5) by striking “the treatment” each place it
16 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

17 (6) by striking “in a non-Department facility”
18 each place it appears;

19 (7) by striking “same treatment” and inserting
20 “same emergency services”;

21 (8) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking “health
22 care provider that furnished the treatment” and in-
23 serting “provider that furnished such emergency
24 services”;

25 (9) in subsections (a) through (d), as amended
26 by the preceding paragraphs, by striking “emergency

1 treatment” each place it appears and inserting
2 “emergency services”;

3 (10) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking
4 “(h)(2)(B) or (h)(2)(C)” and inserting “(h)(4)(B) or
5 (h)(4)(C)”;

6 (11) in subsection (f)—

7 (A) by striking “treatment provided” and
8 inserting “emergency services furnished”; and

9 (B) by striking “was provided” and insert-
10 ing “was furnished”;

11 (12) in subsection (g), by striking “for emer-
12 gency treatment” and inserting “for emergency serv-
13 ices”; and

14 (13) in subsection (h)—

15 (A) by redesignating paragraph (1), (2),
16 and (3) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respec-
17 tively;

18 (B) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, in-
19 sert “in a non-Department facility” after “serv-
20 ices furnished”; and

21 (C) by inserting before paragraph (3), as
22 redesignated, the following new paragraphs (1)
23 and (2):

24 “(1) The term ‘emergency services’ includes
25 emergency treatment and emergency transportation.

1 “(2) The term ‘emergency transportation’
2 means transportation of a veteran by ambulance or
3 air ambulance by a non-Department provider—

4 “(A) to a facility for emergency treatment;

5 or

6 “(B) from a non-Department facility where
7 such veteran received emergency treatment—

8 “(i) to a Department or other Federal
9 facility; and

10 “(ii) at a time described in paragraph
11 (3)(C).”.

12 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY TREAT-
14 MENT.—Section 1728(c) of such title is amended by
15 striking “1725(h)(1)” and inserting “1725(h)”.

16 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
17 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is
18 amended by striking “emergency treatment” and in-
19 serting “emergency services”.

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